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1. Hatagawa Y. et al., "One-Man Total Colonoscopy-Passage Through Right and Left Colonic Curves", *Endoscope for Examination of the Alimentary Tract*, 5(5):629-633 (1993), together with an English-Language translation; and
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-190494, dated July 17, 2001, together with an English-Language Abstract.

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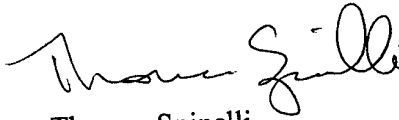
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Respectfully submitted,

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